EDITORIAL NEWS

OUR NATIONAL PURPOSE

The most stimulating of our national leaders, our writers and philosophers, are today speculating on the direction the United States will take as a nation—as a nation among nations in the atomic era world.

From the intellectuals and deeper thinkers among us comes a call for clear thinking and dedication to a purpose. Generally speaking the main theme of most of the thinkers of the moment is that the United States must develop more of a purpose in today's world than our leadership has exhibited in the post-war years.

That is to say, in this line of philosophy, that we must have a national goal, a national aspiration as a people—if we are to go on to achieve greater and better things for the individual, and remain the leading nation in the world in so many ways.

These thoughts are very much in order as our two major polities are about to convene to nominate their candidsates for national leadership.

It is an accepted fact that our country was founded on the principle of a great purpose — liberty for colonies being taxed without representation. And our goals were many and uniquely high - minded. We were a home for those seeking freedom from religious persecution and we were a home for the poor and the under-privileged, who were held down both socially and economically, in their native country.

We were the example to all the world of a country where immigrants came and enjoyed opportunity, religious and personal freedom, and became good and wealthy citizens in the New World. This was our purpose, and we grew into the strongest country in the world playing this role and serving this purpose.

But now, our country has arrived. We are the most prosperous people on earth. Gone is much of the real and pioneer spirit and dedication of the earlier eras. And, yet we have developed no outstanding culture of our own. In the way of the arts and music and intellectuals our product has been meager and disappointing.

Our country is littered with ugly sights and examples of materialism. We are still, comparatively, a brash and crude people—in the way of civilizations and cultures as judged in some of the European countries. In short, we do need a national purpose, a dedication to something inspirational.

It is indeed a challenging thought and one which every citizen must carefully consider. For we in the United States do appear to be in search of a goal, in need of dynamic leadership, and is in need of a national purpose. It is not enough just to be against communism. We must have some sort of purpose.

This is the top challenge to our nation, as we enter a Presidential Election Campaign. What shall be our great goals in the decades in front of us? What positive program can we set up, and maintain, to take and hold our exalted position in the world: a world of emerging ground-swelling from under-privileged lands formely meek and subservient in an age of colonialism. A dynamic leadership is needed; a positive program in our own nation and genuine world leadership.

Compliments and Smiles

Two of the weapons used by today's smooth operators are compliments and smiles. We do not belittle the value of these two items, or wish to indicate that compliments should not be freely given, and that smiles should not be more freely used.

However, it is pretty obvious that, in the commercial field, compliments and smiles are an overworked commodity. The smooth-talking salesman, who is full of compliments, is obvious, but the smooth-talking sunshine friend, who plies you with compliments and smiles, is not so obvious.

One can get a general idea of his real friends by their actions over the years, and a nice compliment each morning would not necessarily constitute any character trait, or any solid friendship, or any genuine personality—in some cases.

In today's world, often the smiling personality is a bit over-done, and obviously artificial. The real values of frankness and honest and genuince sincerity are sometimes unappreciated.

DEVELOP HOBBIES

One of the most rewarding home puruits the average citizen can follow is the development of a hobby, or family project, which enables him to enjoy the satisfaction of having done something constructive —outside the realm of his daily work.

In the present age, when television, movies, automobiles, and many other luxuries we now enjoy take so much time, the art of finding pleasure and satisfaction at home, in the form of hobbies or projects, is sometimes overlooked.

Yet, from a family standpoint, the development of projects, or the pursuit of hobbies, which provide both leisure and perhaps improvement of the home or yard, is entirely wholesome. If possible, families should work on projects together, with the children taking part and learning to take pride in what they achieve, as a family working together.

Watching television at home together is not necessarily the answer to the problem. This rarely helps one member of the family to know the other better, or to develop a sense of loyalty and love by working with him toward some common goal.

Politeness is a virtue which seems to be on the wane these days.

Following the crowd is the usual course of little-town socialites.

One trouble with the world is that there are too many people who do no work.

Why is it that some people think they must say something, when they have nothing so say?

By the time the average politician is ready to lead, the people are several miles ahead.

Maybe it would be smart to take one's full vacation to figure out how best to spend one's next vacation.

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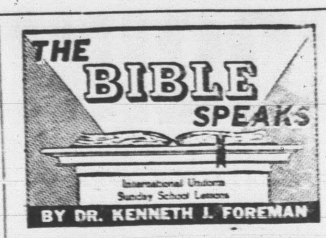


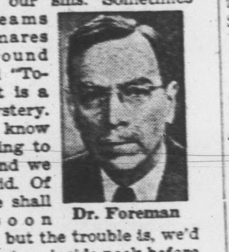
Bible Material: 2 Kings 14:23-29; Amos 7:7-17.

Devotional Reading: 1 Peter 1:10-16.

Speakers For God

Lesson for July 3, 1960

"TOMORROW" is almost a magic word. It is the wonderful day when our dreams are going to come true. It can also be the black day of dread, the day when we get what is coming to us, the day when we have to pay for our follies and our sins. Sometimes neither dreams nor nightmares collect around that word "Tomorrow," it is a word of mystery. We do not know what is going to happen, and we wish we did. Of course we shall know soon enough . . . but the trouble is, we'd all like to get an inside peek before any one else does.



Dr. Foreman

No crystal ball

Now there have been men and women who profess to have that inside peek. Sometimes they do it with tea-leaves, sometimes with a crystal ball, sometimes they claim to have a friend on the "other side" who gives out special information. Sometimes they just "see" tomorrow by shutting their eyes. But it is very seldom that such people are highly respected. They are regarded as rather comic characters — Old Man Mose for example. Crystal balls appear in countless cartoons. Sensible people don't take them seriously—for the good reason that most forecasters make too many mistakes. If the tealeaf reader really could tell you which stocks would go up, she would be much richer than she ever will be by telling fortunes.

A large part of the Bible was written by "prophets;" and they are low-rated by many who ought to get better acquainted with them. They are low-rated because the very word "prophet" suggests crystal balls, palm-reading and all that stuff. As a matter of fact, the Bible word "prophet" did not mean forecaster. It meant spokesman, a person who has the authority to speak for another. The Other for whom the Bible prophets spoke, of course is GOD.

One of the greatest prophets, Jeremiah, once drew a clear line between a genuine prophet and a fake. If a man has a dream, he said, let him tell it if he likes; but a Word from God is another thing altogether. Prophets said what they said because they knew what God wanted them to say. When a man thinks what God wants him to think, especially if no one has ever had the thought before, we call it Revelation. And if a man who has had a revelation feels the urge to write it or to preach it, that is called Inspiration. Revelation has to do with the truth as it bursts (or perhaps grows quietly) within a man's mind. Inspiration has to do with passing on God's truth to others. The point is, the prophets of the Bible never said "I think," "I guess," "The probabilities are . . ."—they all said "Thus saith the Lord." Of course the woods were full of people saying "Thus said the Lord," and it was pretty confusing at the time. Who knew who was right, or whether any of them were? But history, which in a sense is the handwriting of God, sifted out true from false prophets. Men and nations who took heed, and men and nations that paid no attention, found out in time who were the real spokesmen for God.

Prophet and people

The Sunday School lessons, as followed by the more than 80 denominations using the "Uniform Lessons," are going to be looking at some outstanding Old Testament prophets for the next three months. We should try to get it straight in our minds that a prophet and a priest were two different things. A priest had an official position; a prophet had none. Priests were very well paid, but prophets drew no salary, and some (like Amos) were very poor. Priests were born to their positions; only men of certain old families could be priests at all. Prophets might be distinguished and wealthy men; most of them were neither, at the time. Priests kept their mouths shut. They were supposed to teach, but they generally neglected to do this. Prophets could not keep their mouths shut. God had given them something to say. Jeremiah once said that when he tried to keep silence, the Word within him was like a fire in his bones. These men had to speak.

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WASHINGTON NEWS

Red China's Output

Production of oilseeds in Communist China in 1959 was estimated by foreign sources, at 19,100,000 short tons, a decrease of 5 per cent from 1958.

The Foreign Agricultural Service says reports indicate that there was a sharp reduction in peanut production, a 3 per cent decline in soybeans, and a 5 per cent drop in cottonseed.

Milk Record Set

Milk production per cow in 1959 exceeded all previous records, with an annual average of 6,438 pounds.

The Agriculture Department reports that production per cow shows the most significant gains last year in the West North Central and the South Atlantic regions.

Increased Costs

The Agricultural Research Service reports that economic developments clearly indicate that farmer's production costs this year will exceed last year's estimated $26,000,000,000.

It says the average prices paid for production goods and services in April was slightly above that of a year earlier, despite lower prices for feed and livestock bought for fattening for slaughter markets.

U. S. Pay Rise

The House of Representatives has passed a bil to give $697,000,000 in annual pay increases to federal workers. The vote was 3[illegible], 99 more than would be required to override a veto. President Eisenhower had asked for no increases this year.

Farm Money Bill

Congress has approved a [illegible]000,000 farm money bill, with funds for many projects the administration had not requested. It now goes to the White House.

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Allotment For 1961 Wheat Crop

Virginia farmers will receive notice of their 1961 farm wheat allotments well in advance of the July marketing quota referendum, W. Powers, State Administrative Officer for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, announced. The 1961-crop wheat allotment for the state is 252,155 acres, just a shade under the 1960 allotment.

The 1961 national wheat allotment is 55 million acres, the minimum fixed by law. If the allotments had been determined solely on the basis of the law's supply formula, the 1961 allotment would have been [illegible] acres. Allotments apply in 39 states classed as "commercial."

As directed by law, marketing quotas must be proclaimed for the 1961 wheat crop when the available supply is more than 20 per cent above the "normal" supply as determined by a formula written into the law. The supply for 1960-61 is estimated at 2.5 billion bushels—92 per cent more than normal.

Farmers who will have over 15 acres of wheat for harvest in 1961 may vote, excluding those who have a feed wheat agreement in effect for the 1960 crop. As usual, two-thirds of those voting must approve marketing quotas for the program to be in effect. Under quotas penalties apply on all "excess" wheat and price supports for 1961 have been announced at a minimum of 75 per cent of parity, which is the legal minimum. If rejected by more than one-third of those voting, there will be no quotas, no penalties, and price support to farmers who comply with their farm allotments drops to 50 per cent of parity.

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GIRL SCOUTS GIVEN AWARDS

Girl Scout Troop 41 held its regular meeting June 8, at the Appomattox Elementary School. Delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. T. M. Trent. Guests included Mrs. C. G. O'Brien and Mrs. C. T. Moses, Jr.

The Scouts thanked their leaders for their guidance. They include Mrs. S. S. Shouse, Mrs. C. Lewis McDearmon and Mrs. J. C. Caldwell.

At this meeting there was a court of awards. This is a ceremony in which proficiency badges are given to members for the work they have done. Each badge means that a Scout has finished another step toward the goal the Scout has.

Those who received awards were Linda Shouse, getting her second bar, and also these badges: aviation, farmer, outdoor safety, poultry raising, My Government, home nurse, pioneer. Grey Holland, Lina Trent, Susan O'Brien, Jean Cole, were also given awards.

Many other Scouts received awards for attaining success in various projects.

LOCAL GIRLS WIN DEGREE FROM VA. FUTURE HOMEMAKERS

Miss Jo Ann Beamer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Beamer, and Miss Carole Faye Couch, daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. S. J. Couch, were recipients of the State Homemaker Degree, which is the top award given by the Virginia Association, Future Homemakers of America, at the afternoon session of the State Convention today at Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, Va. Five hundred delegates and advisers are in attendance at this convention.

In awarding this degree to Jo Ann and Carole Faye, for their outstanding contributions to home and family, to their local, county, and state F. H. A. organization, and to their school and community, these accomplisnments were recognized.

Carrying out the main purpose of the Future Homemakers of America, which is to promote better home and family life for all, "Jo Ann and Carole Faye have carried out the following home projects and activities: improved personal appearance, home management, improving faimly relations, clothing for self and family, home beautification and safety.

As a leader in their local chapter at Appomattox High School, they have assumed the following responsibilities:

Jo Ann Beamer has served as Chapter Secretary and President and Federation President. She has received her Junior Chapter and State Homemaker Degrees.

Carole Faye Couch has served as Chapter Vice President and President. She served as Federation President, and as State Secretary. This year she served on a National Committee. She has received her Junior Chapter and State Homemaker degrees.

These two girls have worked diligently to carry out the purposes of the organization, which are designed to assist members to work for good home and family living.

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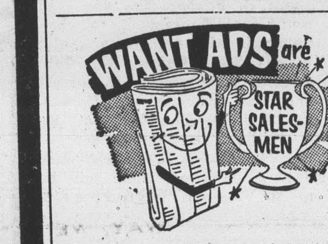

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ACTIVITIES OF LOCAL CHAPTER OF FUTURE HOMEMAKERS

The Appomattox Chapter of the Virginia Association, Future Homemakers of America received the outstanding chapter award today. This state award was made at the morning session of the 15th annual convention of the Future Homemakers, which is meeting at Hotel Roanoke this week. This award is given by the Virginia Association of the Future Hommeakers of America in recognition of outstanding accomplishments during the school term of 1959-60. Five hundred delegates and their advisers are in attendance at the convention, representing 14,965 members in the state.

The Appomattox Chapter was cited for recognition of its outstanding projects in Home Beautification and Safety.

Chapter members have accepted many new responsibilities at home, including the care of younger brothers and sisters, home management and contributing to Home Beautification and Safety.

The Appomattox Chapter has 94 members. Mrs. Madeline Thomas and Mrs. Lucy Green are homemaking teachers and advisers.

WM. L. REYNOLDS ON DEAN'S LIST AT U. OF WEST VIRGINIA

William L. Reynolds, who attends West Virginia University, has been notified that his grade point average of 3.35 has entitled him to a place on the "Dean's List" of outstanding students for the past semester.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Reynolds, of Spout Spring.

In a letter from the Dean, it was stated: "An accomplishment of this sort is seldom easy to attain, but is usually worth the effort in the long run. There is a great need for leaders, both scholastically in school and in society after you have finished school, and I am happy to see that you give promise of becoming such a person."

Luther will be in his junior year at the University this fall.

NEWS FOR VETERANS

July 1 is an important date for the widows and orphans of World War II and Korea veterans, Carlton W. Bragg, Officer-in-Charge of the Lynchburg VA Office said today. On that date the new Pension Law goes into effect and widows and orphans of World War II and Korea veterans for the first time become eligible for VA pensions on the same terms as the dependents of World War I veterans.

Starting with July 1, the widows and orphans of World War II and Korea service and of World War I are eligible for pensions if the veteran was in active military service for 90 days or more, part of it during wartime, and was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

Certain limitations of income also apply. But, Bragg said, it will no longer be required after July that the veteran had a service-connected disability at the time of his death.

Under the new Pension Law, if the widow has a minor child and her income is no more than $1,000 annually, she is entitled to receive $75 per month. If her income is between $1,000 and $2,000 annually, she may get $60 monthly. If the income is between $2,000 and $3,000, she may get $40.

Bragg said if a widow has more than one child, the monthly payment may be increased by $15 for each additional child. But if her income totals more than $3,000 annually, she will not be eligible for pension.

Bragg recommended that widows of World War II and Korea veterans who may be eligible get in touch with the nearest VA office to make inquiry as soon as possible. The Lynchburg VA Office is located in Room 317 of the Federal Building, and is open from 8 A. M. until 4:30 P. M., Monday through Friday.

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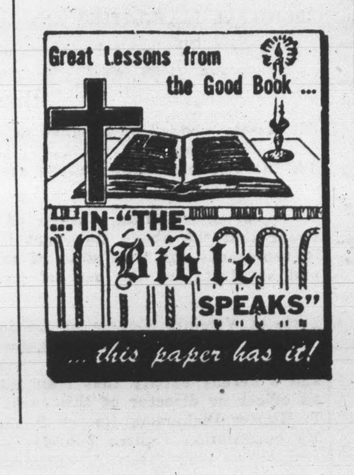

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

How long does it usually take for a warm front to arrive after the first signs are observed high in the sky?

Generally speaking, it takes between twelve and eighteen hours for the wet part of a warm front to arrive, after the first, high cirrus clouds are spotted, moving in from the west.

In winter these warm fronts often bring with them several days of slow rainfall. In summer they are not as likely to produce such sustained precipitation.

The high cirrus is actually the leading edge of the warm front and when it is observed, moving overhead out of the west, especially in winter, rain is likely to follow on the next day.

Joy To Sadness

Denver.- When she found her change from a supermarket purchase included three rare 1921 silver dollars, Mrs. Joanne Smith was elated. She is an enthusiastic coin collector.

But her spirits were soon deflated. At home, she found that 70 silver dollars and $200 worth of Jefferson and buffalo nickets had been stolen from her collection.

Tickets Galore

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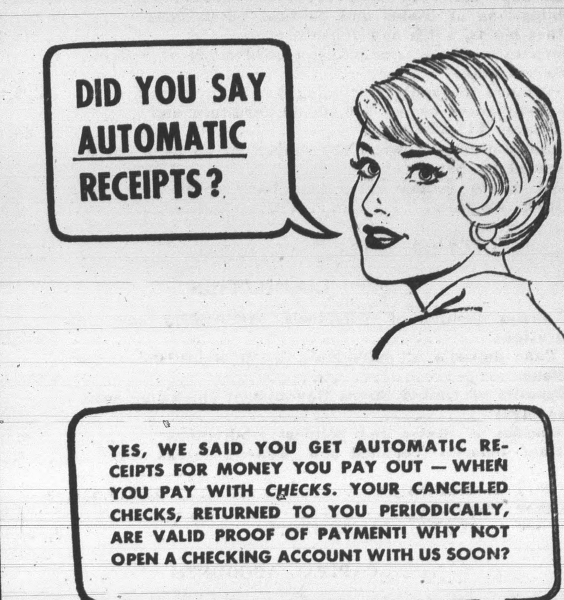

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